



# The Open Door

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## 52 Great Verses of the Bible

April's weekly verses ó

April 3 – Psalm 121:1-2

April 10 – Micah 6:8

April 17 – Isaiah 6:8

April 24 – Matthew 28:5-6

The April Monthly bonus passage is  
**Colossians 3:14-17.**

## MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Plan to attend the Mid-Week Lenten Services each Wednesday evening during Lent.

### “Nails that Pierce; Nails that Build”

*Mid-week Lenten Experiences*

April 6 ó MARTHA & MARY ó choices faced  
April 13 ó PETER ó certainty of faith in the midst of uncertainty

During the mid-week services Pastor Paul and the deacons will lead us as we look at people who stand under or around the cross. What holds us there - at the cross?

Soup and Bread suppers are at 6:00 PM before the Mid-Week Lenten Services and will be provided by:

April 6<sup>th</sup>: Communications and Stewardship  
April 13<sup>th</sup>: Property and Christian Education



**God's Global Barnyard** - offering boxes for use during Lent - are available on the table in the lower hallway, along with suggestions for sacrificial giving during Lent (March 9 - April 23). The boxes may be returned to church either in the offering plate or to the church office during Holy Week (April 17-24). If you wish to have your contribution recorded, please put your envelope number clearly on the box. All gifts will be sent to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal, which sponsors God's Global Barnyard.



**HOLY WEDNESDAY, April 20th**  
7:00 PM Service of Healing

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 21st**  
**MAUNDY THURSDAY** is April 21<sup>st</sup>. Holy Communion is celebrated at 7:00 PM. On this day Christians gather to share in the holy supper Christ gave the church to reveal his unending love for us. Jesus demonstrates this love by speaking his faithful word and giving us his body and blood. As Christ's followers we are sent to continue Jesus' actions in daily life: to serve those in need, to offer mercy, to feed those who are hungry.

Holy Communion will be by tables at the front of the church. The service concludes with a focus toward Good Friday in the Stripping of the Altar. This liturgical action reminds us of how Jesus was treated as he was led to his crucifixion.

**GOOD FRIDAY, April 22nd**  
On **GOOD FRIDAY**, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, we gather at 7:00 PM to hear the proclamation of the Passion, to pray for the life of the world and to meditate on the life-giving cross. The Lenten Cross is moved to the center of the chancel for this service. As it provided a focal point for worship during Lent, it now stands central in the chancel for our Good Friday worship.

The ancient title for this day ó *The Triumph of the Cross* ó reminds us that the church gathers to offer thanksgiving for the tree on which our salvation hung. Through scripture readings, hymns, the extinguishing of candles and gradual dimming of the sanctuary lights we focus on the crucifixion of Jesus in this powerful and moving service.

**EASTER SUNDAY, April 24th**  
6:30 AM Sunrise Service with Holy Communion  
7:30 AM Easter Brunch  
8:15 & 11:00 Festival Services with Holy Communion  
9:30 AM Easter Brunch





## Music at Immanuel presents: ImmanuBells in Concert

ImmanuBells will present a concert at Bay Winde (Sage Harbor) Tuesday, April 5th at 7 PM, then at Cherry Ridge Tuesday, May 10th at 7 PM, and finally at Immanuel on Sunday, May 15th, also at 7PM as part of the Music at Immanuel Series!! You are invited to any and all of the concerts (we will be playing basically the same program at each one!!). Bring a friend and enjoy the sound of the bells!



## 30 Hour Famine – Haiti Tribal Style

This year's 30 Hour Famine will be held on Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> from 7 pm until Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6 pm. This will be a lock in at Church and open to youth in 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. You stop eating after lunch on Friday. We will have juice, water, and Gatorade to drink over the weekend. The Famine will end with a potluck dinner with the youth and their families. We would also like to invite the Congregation to join us for the potluck dinner at 6:00PM to celebrate our accomplishment. A signup sheet is located on the wall above the name tag carts.

This year we will be playing a game called Tribe Haiti. Tribe takes us on an unforgettable journey back to the epicenter of Haiti's devastating earthquake. We will learn what it takes to survive, recover, and rebuild.

We also will collect pledges to donate to the World Vision. What does a \$30 donation do? Every \$30 raised can help feed and care for a child for ONE month. For more information visit [www.30hourfamine.org](http://www.30hourfamine.org). To join IELC's fund raising group go to <http://www.30hourfamine.org/donate>.

I am also looking for another female and male chaperone for the weekend. Honest, you will get some sleep but it won't be as comfortable as sleeping at home. It is a great opportunity to get to know the youth of our Church and learn about Haiti.

Please call me at 585-748-1663 or contact me by email at [cbelmon1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:cbelmon1@rochester.rr.com).  
Come and join the fun!  
Linda Belmont

## Friday Fun For the LYO - Returns Friday, April 1st

We will join the Senior High LYO and participate in the 30 Hour Famine.



## Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 23, 2011 at 10:00 am

Please join us for an Easter Egg Hunt at Immanuel. If you are in 5<sup>th</sup> grade or younger, you are welcome to join us as we look for Easter surprises. Please bring your Easter basket to collect your treasures from the hunt.

After the Easter egg hunt, there will be egg coloring, a light snack and VeggieTales' 'Twas the Night Before Easter'. Hope to see you there. A sign up sheet will be posted in the hall.



Sunday, April 24th is Easter! Brunch will be provided between services for the congregation. Come and join us and celebrate the Resurrection! A craft table will be available for children and crafters. Come early, stay late, and enjoy the day!!



## The final session of the Youth Ministry Certification School which Dave Ekimoff has attended is during the last weekend in April.

There is a worship service on the evening of Friday, April 29th at the Seminary Chapel at Lutheran Theological Seminary at 61 Seminary Ridge, Gettysburg, PA to celebrate the completion of the course and you are invited to attend. Dave is currently working on a one to three year youth ministry plan for Immanuel which he will present to his fellow classmates and coaches as part of his final class. Please keep Dave in your prayers as he completes this part of his faith journey.

## Help Wanted at WOW!!

WOW! is looking for a few good souls who are willing to pick up and take home WOW! participants. You are not needed every week, but occasionally someone needs a ride and calls the church office on Tuesdays. If you are available, either call the church (872-5180) or speak to Marguerite Manning.



Immanuel's annual Sunday School outdoor worship and picnic will be held at 11:00AM on Sunday, June 12, 2011 at Webster Park.



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

At the end of April we celebrate Easter! While Easter Day as April 24<sup>th</sup>, the season of Easter stretches over seven Sundays.

Easter is a celebration of Jesus' resurrection. When viewed with Jesus' crucifixion (Good Friday), Easter is of incomparable significance for us. God's love is for us. God's power overcomes evil and death. God triumphs over all that separates us from God's love. God's love comes close and breaks into our world and lives. This is Easter. Easter makes a difference for you and for me

Easter worship is which happens not only on the Festival of the Resurrection, but each and every Sunday as we gather is a special celebration of the love God gives over and over again in Jesus' death and resurrection. Easter worship is a gift for each of us. Easter worship is a time to hear and experience the comforting and supporting love God has already given so we may receive strength for the ministry we are called to do.

In God's *Easter* Love,

*Pastor Paul*

Pastor Paul

**WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES**

Great Stories of the Old Testament continues during Monday and Thursday Bible Studies. We read and discuss some of the wonderful stories of the Old Testament. We talk about how God has come to God's people - sometimes in blessing; other times to correct and call to repentance.

The Bible stories for April

April 4 & 7 - The Exile and Return

April 18 & 21 - The Prophets 1 Kings 18:17-40

The Monday Evening Bible Study meets on the first and third Mondays of the month at 7:00 PM. The Thursday Morning Bible Study meets at 10:30 AM on the first and third Thursdays. Both Bible Studies meet at Immanuel and they are user-friendly!



**Confirmation Camp**

Youth in grades 7 and 8 are encouraged to attend Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Camp July 17-22, 2011. If you are planning on attending, please contact Dave Ekimoff (872-5180) as soon as possible. Space is limited at the camp and they accept registrations on a first-come, first-reserved basis.



**Easter Plants 2011**

Once again, we look forward to Spring and Easter Sunday! Here is an opportunity to contribute lilies, daffodils and azaleas to adorn our sanctuary in celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord. The plants will be provided by Kittelberger Florist and will come in 6" pots. Please return this form to the offering plate or the church office by Palm Sunday, April 17, 2011. Checks should be made payable to **Immanuel Lutheran Church** with a notation of Easter Flowers. Please feel free to call me with any questions. Thank you!

Sheri Williams 585.770.3733

Please enter information as you would like it to appear in bulletin.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

White Lilies	# of plants _____ x \$11.50 = _____
Daffodils	# of plants _____ x \$11.50 = _____
Azaleas (deep pink)	# of plants _____ x \$25.00 = _____

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will take plant home after 11 a.m. Easter Service or the following week.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like plant delivered to a home-bound member/nursing homes.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am available to deliver plants to home-bound members/nursing homes.





### Webster Support Group

The Multiple Sclerosis Society is a nonprofit organization that provides information, education, referrals, and support for people living with MS. The Upstate New York Chapter covers a 50 county region across the state and our chapter headquarters is here in Monroe County. We offer several support groups in Monroe County, one of which is in Webster. For 25+ years the Women's Club of Webster has volunteered to provide this group with lunch twice per month when we meet. Group members enjoy a meal along with socialization, support and friendship with others who can truly relate to what it is like to live with MS.

Our next meetings are April 14th and 28th from noon-2:00 at Immanuel Lutheran Church. For more information, please call either Debbie or Dee at 585-271-0801, option #2.



### **WELLNESS ON WEDNESDAYS – WOW!**

**Join us for Wellness on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM!** Come and enjoy fun, food and friendship, with a program, chair exercise, blood pressure check and a delicious lunch.

The program schedule ó

April 6 Topics and Tales ó Choose a topic and hear the tales, as we get to know each other just a little bit better.

April 13 All About Lollipop Farm / Pet Assisted Therapy - Joel Hartman, presenter; (this time we promise some animals.)

April 20 NO WOW (HOLY WEEK)

April 27 Cobblestone Society Museum ó Curator, Deborah Brundage will give a powerpoint presentation on this amazing little museum, not too far from Webster.

Come and join the fun ó and bring a friend to share it with! Transportation is available by calling the church office (872-5180) by Tuesday at 10:00AM. A \$2 donation for lunch is requested. We look forward to seeing you!



As we entered the Lenten season this year Immanuel's Sunday School enjoyed yummy Fastnacht Kugels. Devotions for Lent were also sent home with the Sunday School kids. Please take time to enjoy these Devotions with your children, other family members and friends.

There will be no Sunday School classes on Easter Sunday this year. Please take this time to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ with your family and friends at our festive worship services.

In Christ,  
Heather Immesoete



### **CONFIRMATION PROJECT Students and Mentors Working Together**

The nine youth of the Second Year Confirmation Class are at work with their mentors on the annual Confirmation Project. The youth will present their projects at the *Saturday Celebration* on May 21<sup>st</sup>, at 11:00 AM

The Confirmation Project is an opportunity for each of the Confirmation youth to express his/her faith and how he/she is growing in faith. The youth will use a variety of ways to express themselves in their Confirmation Projects (words, pictures, sounds, etc.). It is also an occasion for the youth to share an important (for him/her) aspect of what he/she has learned during the two year Confirmation program. An adult mentor from the congregation is assigned to each youth as a guide and support person as the project develops.

A thank you to those serving as mentors this year: Toni Baller, Judy Brederson, Mike Herrman, Chris Kulp, Dave Reville, Lori Russell, Leslie Schwartz, Bonnie Slack, Barb Stam



### **Save the Dates!**

Vacation Bible School for children 3 years old - 5th grade is July 25-29 from 9:00-12:00. Look for registration forms in the May issue of *The Open Door*.

Adult Vacation Bible School is August 1-4.

Volunteers are needed for both! Please contact Dave Ekimoff if you would like to help.

**CELEBRATION SUNDAY WAS MARCH 27<sup>th</sup>**  
"Make It Simple"

Thank you to all who returned Commitment Cards in response to Immanuel's Annual Stewardship Appeal. Your faithfulness and personal stewardship aid your congregation in carrying out the ministry to which God calls us.

In our Annual Report we list many of the missions and ministries that we accomplished this past year as a result of your faith-filled stewardship. Your gifts of time, talent and other resources help us to shine brightly as part of the body of Christ. Thank you.

New commitments begin on Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you misplaced your Commitment Card, or did not receive one, please contact the church office.

Thank you to the Stewardship Committee for leading us as we grow our stewardship.

**GENESEE FINGER LAKES CONFERENCE  
SPRING ASSEMBLY**

The Genesee Finger Lakes Conference Spring Assembly meets Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7-9 PM, at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Geneseo. Pastors and congregational delegates from our Conference gather for an opportunity to review the Conference's ministry. Also on the agenda are items related to the upcoming Upstate New York Synod Assembly.

Mike Herrman and xxx were elected by the Church Council to serve as Immanuel's voting members for the 2011 Conference Assemblies and the Upstate New York Synod Assembly in June. Pastor Paul and Dave Ekimoff also attend.

**PASTOR'S CLASS for NEW MEMBERS**

In May, Pastor Paul will lead a Pastor's Class for New Member. This class is for persons who desire to become members of Immanuel and/or learn more about the teachings of the Christian Church and its Lutheran expression. New Members will be received into membership in June. If you would like to become a member, please speak with Pastor Paul.

The class gives an overview of the witness of the Bible to God's love in Jesus and the faith of God's people. The teachings and history of the Lutheran Church are reviewed. The mission and ministry of Immanuel are also discussed.




Thank You to Susan Hughes for ordering & delivering the Fastnacht Kugels for Lent. They were delicious!

Dear Immanuel Shepherds,  
Thank you so very kindly for the wonderful prayer shawl. It was the perfect comfort while I was recovering from my back surgery!  
The turkey soup was a perfect addition and so delicious as well!  
Warmest,  
Robyn Reafler

Thank you all at Immanuel by continuing to send the Open Door to us. It keeps us connected and informed of our old church family in Webster.

Ingeborg Herstroeter

 **Immanuel's annual Music Camp will take place from 9am - Noon, Monday, August 22 to Thursday, August 25.** We look forward to closing out the summer months with another great week of singing, dancing, bells, chimes, and percussion! Children entering grades 1 - 5 are welcome to attend. The cost is \$10 per child, maximum \$20 per family.



**WORSHIP AND MUSIC MEETING  
Thursday, April 7**

Worship and Music will meet on Thursday, April 7, 7:00 PM.

**DEACONS MEETING  
Tuesday, April 12th at 7:00 PM**

**STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 PM**

**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday, April 14th at 7:00PM**



**In Stitches** will meet again on April 17th at 1:00pm. The Friday morning quilters meet each Friday at 9:00am. All are welcome and you do not need to know how to quilt.

## April Worship Assistant Schedule <sup>6</sup>

	April 3, 2011		April 10, 2011		April 17, 2011 Palm Sunday		April 24, 2011 Easter Sunday	
	8:15 AM	11:00 AM	8:15 AM	11:00 AM	8:15 AM	11:00 AM	8:15 AM	11:00 AM
Assisting Minister	Kris Maier	Bernie Russell	Charlie Klauck	Bruce Kulp	Deacon Karen Sue Ross	Leslie Schwartz	Tom Lombardo	Heidi Smith
Reader	Benjamin Derleth	Ian Russell	Doris Baranello	Kathy Bannon	Sue Herrman	Ken Schwartz	Toni Baller	Wendy Pryor
Comm. Assistant	Dave Derleth	Lori Russell	Sherry Klauck	Jim Guderian	Mike Herrman	Karen Holroyd	Kevin Cawley	Gary Cannon
Acolyte	Allison Barnes	Jared Russell	Jessica Hewlett	Aideen Foster	Jacob Kachmaryk	Sarah Geckle	Alyssa Wicks	Claire Foster
Crucifer	Rebecca Barnes	Joshua Riggi	Michael Cawley	Emily Ruffell	Jacob Baller	Matthew Geckle	Michael Cawley	Aideen Foster
Greeters	Bob & Nancy Sponable	The Boyatzies Family	Bill & Linda Saucke	Kathy Morgan, Amy Crosby	Marge Cario, Carol Dittbemer	Janice Durand, Jeanne Ludwig	Jan & Judy Brederson	Lisa & Meghann Foster
Ushers	Lori Derleth, Cheryl Davies, Barb Stam, Martha Styles	Frank & Lisa Riggi, Jay & Arline Taber	Linda Belmont, Betty Tisa, Josh Baranello, Don O'Mara	Bill, Judi, Natalli and Corrin Bogart	Gary Ross, Maureen Hubbard, Ron Nohe, Fran Mooney	Mark & Joshua Geckle, Heather & Gary Immesoete	Jeff & Bonnie Slack, Ed & Nancy Behrens	Jeff & Katherine Foster, Catherine Kuhn, Helmut Gunkel
Nursery	Carol Dittbemer	Heidi Smith	Nan Nesbitt	Lisa Foster	Dena Fedkew	Lisa Riggi	Sandy Colbert	
Altar Guild	Susan & Amy Hughes	Sheri Williams	Susan & Amy Hughes	Sheri Williams	Susan & Amy Hughes	Sheri Williams	Susan & Amy Hughes	Sheri Williams
Counters								

**Please note:** If you are unable to assist at the time for which you are scheduled, please make the necessary arrangements to switch with someone else on the schedule. After making the change, please inform the church by calling 872-5180 as soon as possible so that the correct information is listed in Sunday's bulletin. If you would like to fill an opening, please contact the church by email (immanev@frontiernet.net) or by phone (872-5180).



~ April 2011 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> 30 Hour Famine 9a-11:30a Quilters 9a-10a Office Help 7p-8:30p JR. LYO Friday Fun	<b>2</b> 30 Hour Famine 6:00p Potluck dinner
<b>3</b> Articles for The Open Door are due 7:30a-8:30a Gathering Choir 8:15a & 11:00a Worship with Holy Communion 9:30a-10:45a Sunday School	<b>4</b> 6:30p-7:30p Property Committee 7p-8p Bible Study 8p-9p AA, Al-Anon, Alateen	<b>5</b> 6p-8p 2nd Year Confirmation Dinner & Class 7p ImmanuBells Concert at Bay Winde 7p-8p 7:00 Finance Meeting	<b>6</b> 10a-12:30p Wellness on Wednesdays 6p-7p Soup Supper 7p-8p Mid Week Lenten Service 8p-9p Senior Choir	<b>7</b> 10:30a-11:30a Bible Study 7p-9p Girl Scouts 7p-8p Worship and Music Meeting	<b>8</b> 9a-11:30a Quilters 9a-10a Office Help	<b>9</b> 1p-2p Fellowship Group
<b>10</b> 8:15a & 11:00a Worship with Holy Communion 9:30a-10:45a Sunday School	<b>11</b> 7p-8p Church Council Meeting 8p-9p AA, Al-Anon, Alateen	<b>12</b> 6p-8p 1st Year Confirmation Dinner & Class 6:30p-8p ImmanuBells Rehearsal 7:00p Deacons Meeting	<b>13</b> 10a-12:30p Wellness on Wednesdays 6p-7p Soup Supper 7p-8p Mid Week Lenten Service 8p-9p Senior Choir	<b>14</b> 11:15a-2:15p MS Group 6:30p-7:30p SCS Meeting 7p-8p Communications Meeting 7p-8p Stewardship Meeting 7p-8p Toastmaster's	<b>15</b> 9a-11:30a Quilters 9a-10a Office Help 10a-4p Xerox Singles Group	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Holy Week Palm Sunday 7:30a-8:30a Gathering Choir 8:15a & 11:00a Worship with Holy Communion 9:30a-10:45a Sunday School 1:00p In Stitches	<b>18</b> Holy Week 7p-8p Bible Study 8p-9p AA, Al-Anon, Alateen	<b>19</b> Holy Week 6:30p-8p ImmanuBells Rehearsal	<b>20</b> Holy Week No Wellness on Wednesday 7p-8p Healing and Wholeness Service 8p-9p Outreach Meeting 8p-9p Senior Choir	<b>21</b> Holy Week 10:30a-11:30a Bible Study 7p-9p Girl Scouts 7p-8p Book Club 7p-8p Maundy Thursday Holy Communion	<b>22</b> Holy Week 9a-11:30a Quilters 9a-10a Office Help 9a-10a Open Door Folders 7p-8p Good Friday Tenebrae	<b>23</b> Holy Week
<b>24</b> 6:30a Sunrise Service 7:30a Brunch 8:15a & 11:00a Worship with Holy Communion 9:30a Brunch	<b>25</b> 6:30p-7:30p Christian Education Meeting 7p-8p Social Ministry Meeting 8p-9p AA, Al-Anon, Alateen	<b>26</b> 6p-8p 1st Year Confirmation Dinner & Class 6:30p-8p ImmanuBells Rehearsal	<b>27</b> 10a-12:30p Wellness on Wednesdays 7p Senior Choir	<b>28</b> 11:15a-2:15p MS Group 7p-9:30p Toastmaster's 7:30p-8:30p Model Train Club Meeting	<b>29</b> 9a-11:30a Quilters 9a-10a Office Help	<b>30</b> 11:30a-5p Baby Shower





## Winter Weekend 2011

What do you get when 23 youth and 3 adults from Immanuel go to Rotary Sunshine Camp????

One fun weekend with 121 other youth and adults.

This year 9 youth and 2 adults were able to attend from Community Lutheran Church, Maggie Kids. They were sponsored by the GFL-LYO Churches. IELC provided scholarships for 2 youth to attend from our Celebrate, Serve & Grow fund. By Saturday morning, they were mingling and participating as if they had been to the last few years' Winter Weekends.

Our theme for the weekend was 1 Corinthians 12:12-30, We Are One Body. Our family discussions and gathering times were centered around what it means to be part of the Body of Christ. Each of us have our own talents and gifts. They are all needed to make the Body whole.

Many of us renewed friendships from years past and many made new friends for years to come. We sang great music, laughed a lot, cried a little and eat great food. Leslie and Ken Schwartz worked in the kitchen to prepare our daily meals with the kitchen crew. Yummy! None of us went hungry.

Let's not forget the IELC cookies! Our cookie ladies out did themselves again. Thanks to Carol Dittberner, Martha Styles, Betty Tisa, Marguerite Manning, Marion Campbell, and Lynn Reville for baking the cookies that only lasted a short time but they were delicious. I am always very proud to bring cookies made by our members.

Thanks to the parents and members who drove us back and forth from Camp. Sunday's ride home was quite exciting but we all made it safely home.

I am so proud of our youth. They represent themselves, parents, and IELC very well. They helped welcome new campers, befriended the younger youth and participated in all activities.

Thanks to Nan Nesbitt and Bernie Russell for being chaperones. Thanks to the Congregation for supporting our youth in this great learning and growing experience. Please ask our youth or chaperones about their experiences at Winter Weekend.

Linda Belmont

## Ministry Minute

I am very blessed every day. It is my privilege to share the blessings with others. I have found that anytime I give to others I receive rewards that far outshine what I have done. I guess it could be said that I volunteer because I am selfish.

As a young person I was involved with Girl Scouting. I was lucky to have a group of wonderful women who served as leaders. We were taught that it is our duty to help others, support our community and the world. They taught by living a life that modeled that behavior. As a young adult I became a leader and now have lifelong friends who were my girls, co-leaders and other volunteers.

Now my time shared is based around activities in the church. As the Social Ministry chair I enjoy the enthusiasm that the members bring to the meeting and it is exciting to be a part of their ministry.

My personal ministry moment is based around my two favorite ministries. I have the honor and privilege to be a Eucharistic Minister and to participate in the Seeds program.

When I take communion to our homebound members I am blessed to receive their wisdom and insight on life. While I am there to extend communion from our worship service they share their stories. I treasure the time that I am able to spend in their presence. Anyone can make a difference in the life of someone else. Sometimes it is the smallest gesture that means the world to another person.

One of my aha moments came as the result of an evening at Seeds. Immanuel provides a dinner for Seeds (adults from group homes) at Reformation Lutheran Church. Just after Christmas their devotional time began with everyone following the leader who was playing an accordion. We traveled around and through the halls of the church. We arrived in the sanctuary with the lights dimmed and a gorgeous, lighted Moravian star hanging over the nativity scene. We all sat in pews and Joan VandeWall shared the story of the wise men looking for the baby, Jesus. After telling the group that each of them had a gift to give Jesus, each person made their way to the front to stand at the manger and tell Jesus what gift they had to give. Some said it was their smile or to be a good friend. It was a strong personal reminder that we all have gifts and that we should always be willing to share the blessings that we have with others.

We do all have different blessings and skills and my hope is that you too will be lucky enough to find out how wonderful it is to be selfish in this way. We are all blessed to be a blessing to others.

Debbie Huehn



Bessie Fox	4/1
Brian Maier	4/1
David Derleth	4/2
Mike Charland	4/3
Tyler Holroyd	4/3
Stephen Hughes	4/3
Gladys Miller	4/3
Jon Anderson	4/5
Katelynn Kreuter	4/5
Barb Rafferty	4/5
Judy Corey	4/6
Karin Coutant	4/6
Katie Lombardo	4/6
Savannah Riggs	4/6
Maxwell Michaels	4/9
David Breen	4/10
Shawn Handley	4/10
Hannah Williams	4/10
Doris Baranello	4/11
Arlene Gibson	4/11
Walter Campbell	4/12
Sandra Colbert	4/12
George Iverson	4/12
Julia Koneski	4/12
Jeanne Ludwig	4/12
Maureen Hubbard	4/13
Maryn Savage	4/13
Deborah Hill	4/14
Wendy Tobey	4/14
Jessica Hewlett	4/15
Sophia Klauck	4/18
Patricia Price	4/18
Christopher Volpe	4/19
Richard Clark	4/20
Pat Fritzsich	4/20
Alice Klapp	4/20
Sandra Schirmer	4/20
Allison Barnes	4/21
Owen Zuercher	4/21
Amy Harvey	4/22
Whitney Martin	4/22
Kristen Rieger	4/23
Beth Stevenson	4/24



Andrew Bonacci	4/25
Micah Stephany	4/25
Barbara Shortz	4/26
Lori Derleth	4/27
Priscilla Anderson	4/28
Linda Saucke	4/28
Alexandra Volpe	4/28
Earl Baldwin	4/29
Gregory Ekimoff	4/29
Ashley Volpe	4/30

## Celebrating

*An Anniversary This Month*

	Date	Years
James & Sandra Hewlett	4/3	18
John & Dena Fedkew	4/12	14
Vern & Karen Kreuter	4/16	23
Keith & Bonnie Webster	4/16	17
Nancy & Robert Haelen	4/17	57
John & Margaret Phillips	4/18	41
David & Delores Swanson	4/21	49
Ronald & Judy Corey	4/24	40
Frank & Lisa Riggi	4/25	19
Robert & Suzanne Keppeler	4/30	28

Is the Open Door missing your anniversary or birthday? If so, please contact Barb at the office (872-5180). Thanks!



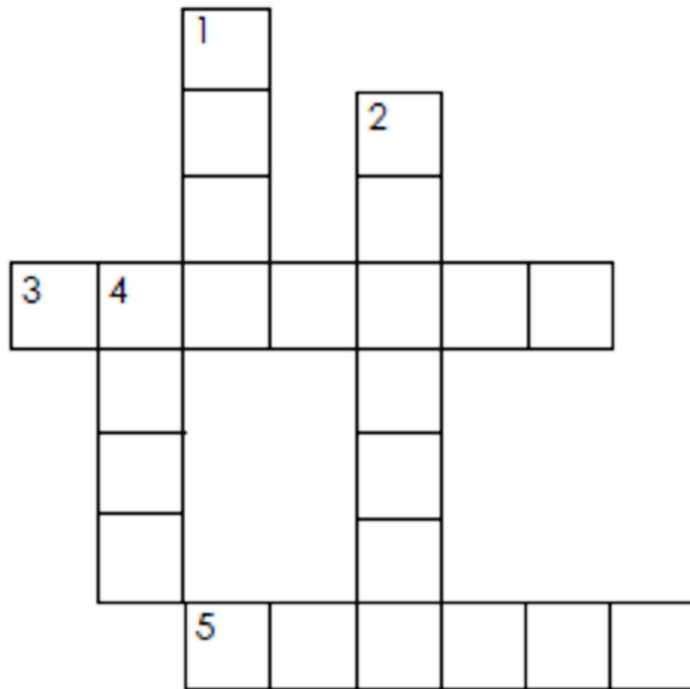
Renee Abrey  
Brad and Eric Abrey  
152 S. Estate Dr.  
Webster, NY 14580

If you have moved, changed your phone number or email address, please contact the office at 872-5180 or email [immanev@frontiernet.net](mailto:immanev@frontiernet.net). We would also like email address changes. Thanks!

\_\_\_\_\_ is the one who comes in  
 the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_!  
 \_\_\_\_\_ in the highest \_\_\_\_\_!  
 Matthew 21:9



Use the clues below to fill in the crossword puzzle and the memory verse. If you get stuck, look up Matthew 21:9 for help.



ACROSS

- 3. Mary was \_\_\_\_\_ among women. Luke 1:42
- 5. In the beginning, God created the \_\_\_\_\_s and the earth. Genesis 1:1

DOWN

- 1. Adam gave one of these to all the animals: A \_\_\_\_\_. Genesis 2:20
- 2. People waved palms and shouted, "\_\_\_\_\_!" Mark 11:10
- 4. God is the \_\_\_\_\_ of lords. Deuteronomy 10:17





Immanuel's Sunday morning services are broadcast at 12 Noon each Sunday on Webster Cable Channel 12. This has been an outreach to our community for many, many years.

For homebound members of Immanuel who do not have access to Webster Cable television we can provide you with a video cassette or DVD copy of the service for viewing at home. If you would like a video copy of the Sunday Services, please contact the Church Office (872-5180) and arrangements will be made so you receive them on a regular basis. If you would like to receive the bulletin each week to follow along with the service, please contact the church office.



The Shepherd of the month  
for April is:

**Judy Brederson**

Please give her a call at 872-3806 if you know of someone in our church family who has had a baby, recently been hospitalized or ill, surgery, death in the family, or could just use a helping hand. The shepherd can provide a simple meal, a warm thought, or locate a volunteer to help.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TAKE  
COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND**

Homebound members of Immanuel receive Holy Communion normally on a regular basis. This is possible because of a ministry in the congregation as Eucharistic Ministers continue the communion distribution from our Sunday worship to those members who are in nursing homes, the hospital or homebound. This supplements the visitation and Home Communion that Pastor Shoop shares with our members.

Eucharistic Ministers take communion to 2 or 3 homebound members. This is done following worship on a Sunday. It involves a few hours on these Sundays of this includes travel time to and from the homebound members' place of residence and the time spent with the member. Eucharistic Ministers also should be regular in their own reception of the sacrament and participation in the ministry of the congregation.

If you are interested in learning more about Eucharistic Ministers, please speak with Pastor Paul.



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**Newsletter  
DEADLINE**

**Articles for the May Open Door  
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**Open Door folding is  
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**The Mission of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Celebrate** the excitement of God's influence in life by being visible witnesses of Christ; and,  
**Minister** to the spiritual and physical needs of our community and the world, through our God given talents.

**The Upstate New York Synod:**  
 We are a resurrection people who Pray First, Walk Together, and Change Lives.  
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